



Letter from the President of FMA Chapter 252

I would like to welcome you to another fun filled year with FMA Chapter 252. I am honored to be your President for the next two years.

The Federal Managers Association is the oldest, largest, most influential professional association representing the interests of the nearly 200,000 managers, supervisors, and executives serving in today's federal government. Since 1913, FMA has been a passionate advocate for excellence in federal public service through effective management, as well as a forceful champion of its members' legislative agenda.


The Federal Managers Association is the most powerful voice for federal managers in our nation's capital. Because its reputation, access, and influence extend far and wide – from the White House to Congress, from federal agencies to leading organizations, and from the media to key stakeholders – the Association commands the respect needed to get results in Washington, DC. FMA effectively brings your concerns on job, career, salary and benefits, retirement security and other issues to the attention of lawmakers and top agency decision-makers. Its team of advocates, policy analysts, and communications specialists leads this effort. FMA members also play a vital role. They testify before Congress, furnish issue briefs to lawmakers and share concerns with them, and comment on current and proposed federal policies and regulations. The Association's considerable political influence stems from a team approach to advocacy. When lawmakers or agency decision-makers consider proposals that could adversely affect the management of the federal workforce, they quickly realize that Team FMA stands together to protect the interests of all its members. FMA's grassroots mobilization, backed by an aggressive political action committee, ensures strong allies on Capitol Hill who support the Association's policy goals. These combined efforts help the Federal Managers Association achieve continued regulatory and legislative success while serving as a sounding board for federal agencies and Congress.

Some of the areas that we would like to see happen here locally is to be more active in the Fort Bliss and El Paso communities. We would like to work with charitable organizations with community projects. We would like to have more social events for members and their families.

Our meetings will now be held the second Tuesday every other month starting with February 13th at the Officer's Club. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We will be having door prizes at each meeting along with special guest speakers.

At our first meeting, we will not have a speaker as I would like to talk about our future plans and goals for our fine organization. Please bring your ideas on what you would like to see us accomplish the next year; what organizations/community projects you would like to work with; who you would like to hear from as a guest speaker or what subjects you would like more information on; and what social events you might be interested in having for the membership. I would also like you to think about some fund raising ideas. If you would like to email your ideas and thoughts to me before the meeting, please do so. I look forward to hearing from every one of you.

Again, I look forward to a wonderful year and hope to see you all at our meetings.


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